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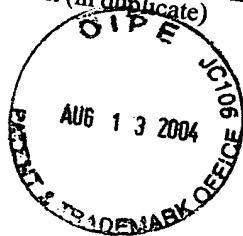
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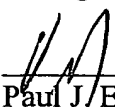
1. European Patent Application No. EP 0 967 803 A2, published December 29, 1999;
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4. Hartung F. et al., "Digital Watermarking of MPEG-2 Coded Video in the Bistream Domain", IEE (1997), pp. 2621-2624.

The references were cited in a Search Report dated May 21, 2004 received from the European Patent Office. Applicant is submitting copies of the above-cited references, together with a copy of the Search Report, with the exception of the Japanese citation, namely, JP 11 346302A, which was previously submitted by applicant to the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on February 25, 2004. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report.

The undersigned attorney hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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